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SUBJECT:SYRIAN JEWS: RELIGIOUS ARTICLES

1. WE HAVE RECEIVED INQUIRIES FROM AMERICAN JEWISH GROUPS ASKING FOR US TO APPROACH SYRIAN AUTHORITIES (OR SYRIAN AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON) TO FACILITATE AND ENSURE DELIVERY OF RELIGIOUS ARTICLES (PRAYERBOOKS, PRAYER SHAWLS AND SIMILAR FESTIVAL NEEDS) TO RABBI IBRAHIM HAMRA IN SYRIAN JEWISH COMMUNITY. HOWEVER, GROUPS INVOLVED HAVE NOT SHOWN THAT REAL NEED EXISTS, AND WE RECALL THAT RECENTLY-ISSUED PRAYERBOOKS WERE USED IN SERVICE AT SYNAGOGUE ATTENDED BY ONE OF CONGRESSIONAL VISITORS LAST SPRING.

2. WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE FOR EMBASSY TO MAKE DISCREET IN-QUIRY OF SYRIAN JEWISH SOURCE, HAMRA IF POSSIBLE, TO SEE IF REAL NEED EXISTS AND, IF SO, TO GET SOME IDEA OF DIMENSION AND DEGREE OF NEED. WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE ANY COMMENT YOU MIGHT HAVE, APART FROM THAT, ON FEASIBILITY OF DOING AS GROUPS REQUEST. INGERSOLL

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